



Our next Celebration of Service, February 9 on Zoom, will feature author and Indiana University Professor Emeritus James Madison on “The Ku Klux Klan in the Heartland.”

## THIS WEEK’S NEWS

### Tribute to Keith Klein

With the death of beloved club member and past president **Keith Klein** last week, words of gratitude and appreciation were shared by club members **Mike Baker, Judy DeMuth, Susie Graham,** and past member **Phil Meyer**. Born on July 4, 1941, in Gary, Indiana, Keith will be sorely missed across the Bloomington community. Always ready to provide light and guidance to those around him, he emceed the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and Canopy of Lights for many years and was a member of the MCCSC board for 12 years. He was beloved as program director at WTIU and admired as a teacher, mentor, and colleague at Ivy Tech. The MCCS Foundation has established a legacy memorial fund in Keith’s name for school journalism and broadcasting programs: <https://mccsfoundation.org/>. Donations can also be mailed to FMCCS at 315 N. Drive in Bloomington. Ivy Tech invites contributions to **#PuntTheVirus**, a campaign Keith helped spearhead: <https://youtu.be/YWswPgF9POQ>. Every penny goes directly to students to offset pandemic-related challenges, such as food insecurity, unemployment, and insufficient technology. Contact Susie for more details: [sgraham31@ivytech.edu](mailto:sgraham31@ivytech.edu).

### Paul Harris Fellow + 2 Presentation for Jon Dilts

Past President **Mike Baker** recognized club member **Jon Dilts**, who has become a Paul Harris Rotary Fellow + 2 in recognition of his financial contributions over the years. Jon joined Rotary in 1998, is a past president of our club, and is a longstanding supporter of the Rotary Foundation.

### Rotarians In the News

**Hal Turner** had a guest column in the H-T last Thursday: “Indiana senators encouraged to continue work on climate solutions.” In his column, Hal highlights the ongoing bipartisan efforts of senators meeting to discuss climate policy and advocating for Congress to play a central role in addressing the challenges. He states, “I am encouraged when I see our Republican U.S. Senators in Indiana working together to find the overlap in values and in goals to create meaningful and constructive solutions to today’s problems.”

**Kate Cruikshank** was featured in a front-page story last Friday, detailing her journey to receiving the COVID19 vaccine. She offered a tip to those attempting to secure a spot: Calling 211 for assistance in the slower traffic times (between 7 and 8 p.m.) can help you get a representative. Effective Feb. 1, Bloomington has opened vaccinations to those 65 and older.

## Visit Our Sister Clubs

Sunrise Program Chair Hillary Person invites Bloomington Rotary members to their upcoming programs. The speaker on Feb. 10 is Rotary Peace Fellow Mike Neimic, who studied at the University of Bradford in the U.K. Each year, Rotary awards up to 130 fully funded fellowships for dedicated leaders from around the world to study at a designated peace center. On Feb. 17 Jacklyn Ferguson will report on a new feature in IU's student newspaper: IDS Black Voices. Bloomington North's speaker Feb. 11 is Carissa Muncie of Sojourn House. On Feb. 18 Brother William Morris will discuss his legal and disc jockey careers.

## OUR PROGRAM: CARDINAL STAGE



Two members of the [Cardinal Stage Theater](#) leadership team, artistic director Kate Galvin and managing director Gabe Gloden were introduced by next year's club president, **Sally Gaskill**.

Over a period of 15 years, Cardinal became the largest arts organization in the region with an annual budget of \$1 million. Producing theater since the beginning of the pandemic has been challenging to say the least, and yet, with Cardinal's innovative spirit, programming has been as varied and engaging as ever. Since last March, the organization has pushed itself to adapt and not just give up on trying to make art. Calling 2020-2021 the Season of Artistic Adventure, the organization continues to engage the mind, touch the soul, and connect to community.

Kate gave us an overview of the results of their extraordinary efforts over the past few months, including:

- Cardinal Play Dates, a monthly script-reading club, involving a gathering of artists from around the country
- A Social Dis-Dance Party in Dunn Meadow in July
- Cardinal At Home, 10-minute plays for audiences to enjoy at home or virtually with friends
- Family Photo Challenge, a social media contest that encouraged families to photograph familiar children's stories
- The Walkabout Radio Plays, commissions for two local playwrights that were set in Bloomington
- A Virtual Drama Club for actors in elementary and high school
- A set of Virtual Cabarets

February will bring a virtually produced production of *Ordinary Days*, a musical by Adam Gwon.



Gabe followed with an update on strategic planning within the organization, focusing mostly on the proposal to convert the much-loved John Waldron Arts Center into a vibrant, sustainable arts center through a partnership between Cardinal, the Bloomington Playwrights Project, and the Bloomington Academy of Film & Theatre, with substantial financial support from the Cook Group. The proposal, which will be submitted to the City of Bloomington for consideration, is designed to “preserve historic character, while evolving the space to continue to support the presentation of community-based art, while promoting operational sustainability.”

[The full Presentation of Ideas from for the John Waldron Arts Center is found here >](#)

## UPDATES

President **Ashley Wesley** presided and thanked event producers **Natalie Blais, Michael Shermis, Sally Gaskill,** and **Earon Davis. Judy Schroeder**, who loves words, gave a fun reflection on a new word she met last week, when *graupel* fell on Bloomington. Also know as soft hail, graupel forms when supercooled water droplets freeze on falling snowflakes, forming snow pellets that look like Styrofoam. She said her reflection was appropriate to a day when we honor a rodent as a meteorologist.

### This Week's Guests

#### Guests of **Judy Schroeder**

- Jackie Dougherty, theater patron
- Cheri Engber, theater patron
- Ramsay Harik, theater patron
- Katy Ratcliff, theater patron
- Lislott and John Richardson, theater patron
- Beau Vallance, theater patron
- Karen Bush Watts, theater patron

#### Guests of **Sara Laughlin**

- Dana Burton, Stages

#### Guests of **Jim Bright**

- Ruth Albright, theater patron
- Liam Castellan, producer
- Phil Meyer, former head of WFIU/WTIU
- Aubrey Seader, 2018-19 Rotary Global Grant Scholar (theatre)
- Alex Tedrow, IU Jacobs School of Music student (composition)

- David Carroll, executive director, Nicely Theatre Group, Detroit
- Anne Bright

Guest of **Byron Bangert**

- John VanderZee, former member

Guest of **Ashley Wesley**

- Kate Lipa

Other Guests

- Kenny Hertling
- Ellay Williams

**Birthdays**

- **Cindy Neidhart**, February 2
- **Bill Murphy**, February 7

**Anniversaries**

- **Rosie and Arty Levy**, 1 year
- **Martha Foster**, 10 years, 7 in our club
- **Earon Davis**, 7 years

Reporter: **Alain Barker**